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PRODUCTION OF ONION IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual production of onion in tonnes in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the total area under cultivation in the State; and

(c) the quantity of onion exported by the State during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The estimated production of onion in Bihar during the agricultural years (July-June)1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 was 212.3 thousands tonnes, 140.8 thousand tonnes and 134.4 thousand tonnes respectively. The figures for 1999-2000 include Jharkhand, while those for 2000-01 and 2001-02 exclude Jharkhand.
(b): The area under onion cultivation in Bihar during the agricultural years (July-June) 1999- 2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 was 20.0 thousand hectares, 13.8 thousand hectares and 14.9 thousand hectares respectively. The figures for 1999-2000 include Jharkhand, while those for 2000-01 and 2001-02 exclude Jharkhand.
(c): The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry do not maintain figures of exports from individual States. However, the total exports of `fresh or chilled onion` from the country during the financial years (April-March) 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 were 260.5 thousand tonnes, 343.3 thousand tonnes and 441.8 thousand tonnes respectively.